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Quick Facts

- South Carolina Campus Compact is housed at Winthrop and is made up of 17 S.C. higher education institutions.
- People can track their fundraising efforts on SCCC's website and make donations to relief organizations suggested below.



ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA – Historic flooding devastated many areas of South Carolina this month, killing at least 17 people, displacing hundreds more, breaking dams and causing an estimated billions of dollars in damage.

As we face this devastation, many of us have asked, "What can we do to help?"

South Carolina Campus Compact (SCCC), headquartered at Winthrop University, and its 17 S.C. higher education institutions' presidents and chancellors have answered that question with a call to action, **"It's Our Home: Rebuilding South Carolina Together."** As part of this initiative, SCCC encourages all students, faculty and staff to raise funds and resources to help with flood relief and to connect with organizations on the ground assisting with the rebuilding efforts.

Jessica Lynn, executive director for the compact at Winthrop, said members will speak with affiliates in flood-affected areas to determine which resources and services are most needed and how other campuses can help. Currently, agencies have said the most-needed assistance at this time are financial contributions to humanitarian organizations helping with relief efforts, such as the American Red Cross. With these funds, organizations can purchase what disaster victims most need.

"Institutions of higher education have an obligation to mobilize our students, faculty and staff in efforts such as this," Lynn said. "Our collective knowledge, work ethic and care for our communities are resources that can help to support recovery efforts for the long haul. SCCC will work with each of our member campuses and other institutions across the South Carolina in rebuilding our home."

Several of Winthrop's organizations have already taken action. The **Nu Chi Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated**, collected more than 30 cases of water, toiletries, clothes and non-perishable food items for flood victims. **Winthrop's Staff Conference** will collect cleaning supplies and safety goggles/glasses at Food Truck Friday in downtown Rock Hill on Oct. 16.

SCCC has launched a website where you can register your fundraising events: http://form.jotform.com/SCCC/rebuildingsc_registration. You can also make direct donations to relief agencies listed on the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce website.

Above all, SCCC hopes these efforts will send a message of love and hope to everyone.

SCCC is a coalition of 17 state colleges and universities working together to promote and develop higher education's civic purposes.

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